

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 9th February 2025

4th Sunday before Lent

Sidespeople: Jill & Graham Loach

Next week: Bev Price & Grace Fagan

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Pam Hollinshead,
Lay Reader, will preach at our 10.00am All Age Worship Service
in the Community Centre.

A short Communion service will be held in church at 11.45am.
Please also join us at **6.30pm** this evening for **Evensong**.

HYMNS

How great thou art

I have decided to follow Jesus

All to Jesus I surrender

One shall tell another

Prayer for the week

**Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms
or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**



We will be serving bacon baps and a vegetarian alternative
at the beginning of our service this morning.

Thoughts for the week:

“God does not choose people because of their ability, but because of their
availability.”
- *Brother Andrew*

“The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear
God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear
depends upon my spiritual attitude.”
- *Oswald Chambers*

“You do not need a special gift or some special calling. You just need a big heart
to make a difference, one person at a time. Just do it!”
- *Michael Ann Goll*

**Next Sunday, 16th February, will be Mike & Sarah’s last service with us.
Mike will be taking his final Holy Communion at 8.30am and a special
celebration service will begin at 10.00am.
Mike would love to see you at both!**

The first reading is Isaiah 6: 1-8 (Contemporary English Version)

A Vision of the Lord in the Temple

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I had a vision of the Lord. He was on his throne high above, and his robe filled the temple. ²Flaming creatures with six wings each were flying over him. They covered their faces with two of their wings and their bodies with two more. They used the other two wings for flying, ³as they shouted,

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord All-Powerful!
The earth is filled with your glory.”

⁴As they shouted, the doorposts of the temple shook, and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵Then I cried out, “I’m doomed! Everything I say is sinful, and so are the words of everyone around me. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord All-Powerful.”

⁶One of the flaming creatures flew over to me with a burning coal that it had taken from the altar with a pair of metal tongs. ⁷It touched my lips with the hot coal and said, “This has touched your lips. Your sins are forgiven, and you are no longer guilty.”

⁸After this, I heard the Lord ask, “Is there anyone I can send? Will someone speak for us?”

“I’ll go,” I answered. “Send me!”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 10th February

9.00am

Start the week with prayer



9.30am

Toddler Group



1.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 11th February

10.00am

‘Classy Cleaners’ in Church

10.30am

Welsh Café



10.30am

Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 12th February

9.30am

Baby Group



10.00am

Connect Café



10.30am

Holy Communion



1.30pm

Oasis Wellbeing Group

3.30pm

Lego Church



Thursday 13th February

10.30am

Line Dancing



11.00am

Mothers’ Union



12.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

2.00pm

Choir Practice

2.00pm

Bereavement Journey



8.00pm

Dru Yoga



Friday 14th February

10.30am

Tai Chi



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 5: 1-11
Glory to you, O Lord. (Living Bible)

5 One day as he was preaching on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the Word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats standing at the water's edge while the fishermen washed their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push out a little into the water, so that he could sit in the boat and speak to the crowds from there.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets and you will catch a lot of fish!"

⁵ "Sir," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again."

⁶ And this time their nets were so full that they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

⁸ When Simon Peter realised what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, sir, please leave us—I'm too much of a sinner for you to have around." ⁹ For he was awestruck by the size of their catch, as were the others with him, ¹⁰ and his partners too - James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus replied, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for the souls of men!"

¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and went with him.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Toddler Group

We would love to have some more help on Monday mornings (term time only) from 9.00am-11.15am with our Toddler Group.

Please speak to the Parish Office for more information.



The next **Mothers' Union meeting** is
on **Thursday 13th February at 11.00am.**

This will include an update on the 'Empower Her Literacy Campaign.'

There will be an Extra-ordinary
PCC Meeting on
Monday 10th February at
7.30pm
in the Troughton Room with
Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon.

Ladies Night - Friday 7th March
Vicky has arranged a meal (2 courses
£22.50) for 7.30pm at the Babylon
Mediterranean Restaurant. If you would
like to come along, please sign the form at
the back of church and leave £5 deposit at
the Parish Office.

Locking Church

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join our rota to be responsible for locking the church at 6.00pm.

If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Spring Family Fun Afternoon - Saturday 22nd February, 3.30-5.30pm

An event for families with children to include crafts, activities, refreshments and pizza. £1 per person. Bring friends and family.

Help needed with crafts/games/in the kitchen.

Please speak to Libby, Janet or Jackie.



Cake Sale -The students and staff at the Co-op Academy would like to say thank you to everyone who supported their cake sale in aid of Wirral Mind. They were delighted to raised £74.

Their next cake sale is on **5th March, 10.00am-12 noon.**

Experience Easter 2025

Our schools event will be from Monday 24th - Friday 28th March.

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.

If anyone else would like to help please, please speak to Libby.

The next planning meeting is on **5th March at 12.30pm.**

Forthcoming Funerals:

Thursday 13 th February	Ethel Windsor	11.00am	Landican Centre
Thursday 13 th February	Gavin Shorrock	12.15pm	Christ Church
Thursday 20 th February	Sonia Shone	11.00am	Christ Church

Funerals last week: Joyce Preston, Brian Buchanan

Anniversaries:

Yates Entwistle, Robert Winstanley, Ken Riding. Hilda Heatherington, Ina Shorrock, Robbie Richardson, Sybil Carberry, John Ambrose Thomas, George Thomas Ramsden, Tom Wood, Fay Davies, Alma Joyce Royden, Christopher Wort, Eric Williams, Wilfred Wallace Chapman, Bill Taylor, Dee Wallington.

Prayer List: Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Gerry Ffrench, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Lisa Houghton, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Lin Murphy, Geoff News, Trev Noble, Grahame Owen, Ben Parkinson, Dave Price, Joan Price, Rita Quine, Kate Sharp, Jan Shorrock, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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